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Committees of the Council concerned with matters of Public Health are as follows:

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PLYMPTON ST. MARY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health of the district for the year 1964.

There have been no serious outbreaks of infectious disease during the year. There was one case of Diphtheria, this was a clinical diagnosis which was not confirmed bacteriologically. Clinically there was little doubt that it was a case of Diphtheria.

The twenty-eight cases notified as Food Poisoning occurred in a residential special school. No Food Poisoning organisms were isolated, and on investigation it was thought to be an outbreak of Winter Vomiting.

During the year the Council decided to collect refuse in paper sacks. Sacks are provided for those who are prepared to buy the fittings for them. Council houses are being provided with sackholders during the next few years, and new housing estates are also being equipped. This method of collection is a great improvement on the old system. It is possibly more expensive than the old method of emptying into skeps, but improvement in cleanliness for householder and operator is more than worth the extra cost. Water borne sewage disposal is more expensive than a bucket latrine but is universally considered more than worth the extra cost.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

R. WALKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area—66,600 acres, of which 174 are inland water.

Population—1951 Census	31,820
Population estimated to the middle of 1964	44,580
Rateable Value 1-4-64	£1,598,563
Amount produced by a 1d. Rate 1963/64	£6,459-2-2

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1964

Live Births

	Total	*M*	*F*	
Legitimate	823	419	404	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 19·15
Illegitimate	31	13	18	
	854	432	422	
Still Births	11	7	4	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 12·71.
Deaths ...	455	213	232	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 9·97.
Deaths from Puerperal Causes ...	—	—	—	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, Nil.

Death Rate of Infants Under 1 Year of Age

All Infants per 1,000 live births	15.22
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	14.58
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	32.25

Death Rate of Infants Under 4 Weeks of Age

All infants per 1,000 live births	10.53
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	9.72
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	32.25

Death Rate of Infants Under 1 Week of Age

All Infants per 1,000 live births	10.53
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	9.72
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	32.25

Comparability Factors

Births	1.04
Deaths	0.96

CAUSES OF DEATH

		Males	Females	1964	1963
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—	—	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	—	1	1	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	1	—	1	2
4.	Diphtheria	—	—	—	—
5.	Whooping cough	—	—	—	1
6.	Meningococcal infections	—	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—
8.	Measles	—	—	—	—
9.	Other inefective and parasitic diseases	2	—	2	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	10	5	15	8
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	12	2	14	19
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	8	8	10
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	2	2	4
14.	Oother malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	17	22	39	59
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	3	2	5	5
16.	Diabetes	3	2	5	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	24	43	67	72
18.	Coronary disease, angina	45	37	82	113
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	3	3	6	15
20.	Other heart disease	20	33	53	86
21.	Other circulatory disease	7	12	19	23
22.	Influenza	—	—	—	4
23.	Pneumonia	12	20	32	39
24.	Bronchitis	14	2	16	22
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	—	2	2	8

CAUSES OF DEATH—*continued.*

		Males	Females	1964	1963
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	—	3	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	—	1	4
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	2	3	5	3
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1	4
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	2	3	5	3
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	18	26	44	48
33.	Motor Vehicle accidents	2	1	3	8
34.	All other accidents	3	2	5	10
35.	Suicide	7	1	8	2
36.	Homicide and operations of war	1	—	1	—
		213	232	445	577

Deaths Over 65

There were 316, viz.:

47	between	65	and	70
62	,,	70	,,	75
69	,,	75	,,	80
59	,,	80	,,	85
51	,,	85	,,	90
26	,,	90	,,	95
1	,,	95	,,	100
1 over 100				

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The total number of notifications was 245, as compared with 1,051 during the previous year.

Scarlet Fever

23 cases were notified as compared with 24 during the previous year. Most of the cases occurred in the parish of Plymstock (12). The disease was of a very mild character.

Diphtheria

1 case of diphtheria was notified during the year.

Acute Poliomyelitis

No cases of Poliomyelitis were notified.

Disinfection

Disinfection of premises is carried out by the Council's employees under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors.

Tuberculosis *(see pages 11 and 12)*

With regard to the extent of notification before death, the one case was not notified in this district previous to death.

PAROCHIAL DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE FOR THE YEAR 1964

Disease	Bickleigh	Brixton	Cornwood	Ermington	Harford	Holbeton	Ivybridge	Newton and Noss	Plympton St. Mary	Plympton St. Maurice	Plymstock	Shaugh Prior	Wembury	Yealmpton	Totals
SCARLET FEVER ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	4	12	—	1	—	23
DIPHTHERIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
PNEUMONIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	4
ERYSIPELAS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	3
WHOOPING COUGH ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	12	—	—	—	18
MEASLES	—	—	—	6	—	—	15	—	32	3	104	—	7	—	167
FOOD POISONING ...	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28
MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Totals	28	—	1	6	—	—	17	1	46	7	131	—	8	—	245

DISEASES NOTIFIED (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1964

	AGE PERIODS NOTIFICATIONS												
	Under one year	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 10	10 15	15 20	20 35	35 45	45 65	65 and over	Total
SCARLET FEVER ...	—	—	1	3	1	13	3	2	—	—	—	—	23
DIPHTHERIA	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
PNEUMONIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	4
ERYSIPELAS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3
WHOOPING COUGH ...	2	2	2	2	1	5	1	—	1	2	—	—	18
MEASLES	3	18	32	27	19	67	1	—	—	—	—	—	167
FOOD POISONING ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	26	—	—	—	—	—	28
MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS	5	21	35	32	21	88	31	3	1	6	2	—	245

TUBERCULOSIS.

DURING THE YEAR 1964

Age Periods	New Cases						Deaths						Total No. of Cases	Total No. of Deaths
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary				
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
Under 1 Year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
5—10 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—15 ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
15—20 ...	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
20—25 ...	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
25—35 ...	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
35—45 ...	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
45—55 ...	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
55—65 ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Totals ...	6	6	12	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	15	1

With regard to Tuberculosis affecting employees in the milk trade, no case had to be dealt with, nor had any action to be taken with regard to the compulsory removal to Hospital under Section 172, Public Health Act, 1936.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951

No case was dealt with during the year.

WATER SAMPLING

During the year, 216 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination.

The following table shows the results of the samples taken:

Supply	No. of samples taken	Presumptive Coliform Count per 100 ml.			
		Class 1 (less than 1)	Class 2 (1—2)	Class 3 (3—10)	Class 4 (Greater than 10)
Harford	13	12	1	—	—
Erme	114	96	—	4	14
Yealm/Erme ...	52	50	1	—	1
Other Public and Private Supplies ...	37	16	—	2	19
Total ...	216	174	2	6	34

Routine chemical analyses continue to be taken. Samples from the Erme, Yealm and Butterbrook vary from one another only in detail.

I am indebted to the Engineer and Surveyor for the following information:

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The extension of the Sewage Disposal Works at Yealmpton has been completed and the Works are now fully operational.

It is hoped that the Radford Sewage Disposal Works and the Plymstock Main Drainage Scheme will be sufficiently advanced to permit drainage from the Goosewell area to be treated in May, 1965. The existing small Works at Goosewell will then be abandoned. The main contract is due for completion at the end of June, 1965.

Investigations are continuing into the design of the drainage for the Oreston area, for the extension of the Billacombe

Works, and for the drainage of the Newton and Noss and Wembury areas.

A scheme to provide main drainage for the village of Bickleigh has been prepared, and it is hoped that approval to this project will be received during the early part of 1965.

The communal septic tank at Cadleigh has been abandoned and the properties are now connected to the Ivybridge Sewage Disposal Works by means of a new sewer laid parallel to A.38.

Refuse Disposal

Refuse collection and disposal has continued normally throughout the year, and a weekly collection has been afforded to the whole district with the exception of a few isolated properties.

The Council have accepted the principle of the paper sack method of collection for refuse disposal, and it is hoped to provide all Council Houses with suitable holders during the next few years. Local developers and builders are being persuaded to install the fittings as part of the building operation, and publicity is being given to encourage householders generally to purchase holders from the Council.

PAROCHIAL DISTRIBUTION OF NON-COUNCIL HOUSES DURING 1964

Parish	No. of Plans Approved	Repre-sented No. of Houses	Houses Com-pleted	Layout Plans Approved
Bickleigh	1	1	—	—
Brixton	7	22	11	—
Cornwood	8	8	4	—
Ermington	2	2	3	—
Holbeton	2	2	5	—
Ivybridge	9	26	28	2
Newton and Noss ...	28	53	15	—
Plympton St. Mary ...	55	529	237	4
Plympton St. Maurice	3	3	1	—
Plymstock	86	267	253	2
Shaugh Prior	2	2	2	—
Wembury	41	104	54	4
Yealmpton	9	16	3	1
Total ...	253	1035	616	13

COUNCIL HOUSES

Pre-War Housing

The number of houses completed and occupied up to the commencement of the war in 1939 was 367, excluding houses transferred to Plymouth.

Post-War Housing

The number of houses completed and occupied during the post-war period up to December 31st, 1964, is as follows:

Parish	*Name of Site*	*Number of Dwellings*
Bickleigh	Leatside (Roborough) ...	8
Brixton	Bellows Park	70 (including 2 shops)
Cornwood	Newtown	6
Do.	Crossways	16
Ermington	Ermeside Cottages	6
Holbeton	Orchard Cottages	8
Do.	1 and 2, Fore Street	2
Ivybridge	New Estate	118 (including 2 shops)
Newton and Noss	Hillside Cottages	6
Do.	Butts Park	20
Plympton St. Mary	New Park (Lee Mill)	16
Do.	George Avenue	20
Do.	Woodford	114 (including 1 shop)
Plympton St. Maurice	New Estate	392 (including 4 shops)
Plymstock	Stentaway Estate	154
Do.	Pomphlett Close	60
Do.	Hooe Estate	94 (including 2 shops)
Do.	Hooe Manor Estate	136
Do.	Wembury Road (Elburton)	26
Do.	Oreston	42
Shaugh Prior ...	Trethewey Gardens (Wotter)	30
Do.	Lee Moor	28
Wembury	Uplands	6

Parish	*Name of Site*	*Number of Dwellings*
Yealmpton	Yeo Park	6
Yealmpton	Yealm Park	64
	Total Dwellings ...	1448

The number of houses under construction at the 31st December, 1964, is as follows:

Parish	*Name of Site*	*Number of Dwellings*
Plympton St. Mary	Birchland Way (Sparkwell)	16
Plymstock	Stentaway Estate	68

Further contracts now being executed or in course of preparation are as follows:

Parish	*Name of Site*	*Number of Dwellings*
Holbeton	The Drive	6
Plympton St. Mary	Lee Mill	8
Plympton St. Maurice	St. Maurice Estate	52
	Total Dwellings ...	66

HOUSING ACTS

Slum Clearance:

Ermington (Lee Mill). 5 families were rehoused and 12 houses demolished.

Plympton St. Mary. 2 families were rehoused and 2 houses demolished.

Plympton St. Maurice. 9 houses were demolished.

Plymstock. 7 families were rehoused, and 46 houses demolished.

Individual Unfit Houses

2 families were rehoused and 2 houses were demolished.

Houses Made Fit

46 houses were made fit.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADM INISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
		Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	4	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	111	91	8	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	21	21	—	—
Total	149	116	8	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S. 2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S. 7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	3	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	3	5	—	2	—

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1964

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Herewith I submit the following report on the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year ended the 31st December, 1964.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE

Houses inspected (Housing and Public Health Acts) ...	124
Total visits for housing purposes	721
Visits in connection with Council house applications ...	10
Factories	41
Food Premises	724
Slaughterhouses	1343
Dairies	20
Petroleum	193
Explosives	1
Infectious Disease Investigations	53
Water Supplies and Sampling	309
Nuisances investigated	363
Camps inspected	—
Caravan sites and Control of Development Act	91
Rodent Control	9
Drainage Work	314
Noise Abatement	4
Animal Boarding Establishments	11
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	180
Total number of visits for all purposes during the year	4702

HOUSING

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Discretionary Grants. The following gives deails of the work carried out during the year:

1.	Number of preliminary enquiries made	60
2.	Number of applications made	49
3.	Number of applications approved by the Council ...	49
4.	Number of houses where work was completed during the year	20
5.	Average amount per house	£296
6.	Number of applicants advised Council were unlikely to approve an application	3

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
No. of applications made	18	19	26	25	49
No. of Applications approved	18	19	26	25	49
No. of houses completed	25	20	28	19	20
Average amount per house	£216	£252	£249	£292	£296

Standard Grants. The following gives details of the work carried out during the year:

Number of preliminary enquiries made	79
Number of applications received	36
Number of applications approved	36
Number of houses where work was completed during the year	18
Average amount per house	£86
Number of Applicants informed no grant could be given	9

Rent Act, 1957. No applications were received during the year.

EXPLOSIVES ACTS, 1875 & 1923

Twelve store licences were issued, 5 premises were registered under Mode A. or Mode B., and 57 shops were registered for the storage of "shop goods"—a term applied to all the smaller natures of fireworks which are not liable to explode violently.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951

It is the duty of every local Authority to cause to be buried or cremated the body of any person who dies or is found dead in their area, in any case where it appears that no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body are being made. It was not necessary to do so during the year.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1952

This Act came into operation on the 1st April, 1952. It is necessary for a person keeping a Pet Shop to be licensed by the Council. Two licences were renewed during the year.

FIREGUARDS ACT, 1953

This Act came into operation on 1st October, 1953. The Act and the Orders and Regulations made thereunder make provision for the fitting of guards of approved type to all heating appliances.

All appliances manufactured after 1st October, 1953, must comply with the provisions of the Act and the provisions apply to all fires, etc., sold by retail after 1st October, 1954.

No difficulty has been experienced with regard to the sale of such appliances.

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Applications for Site Licences were received in respect of a number of sites. These have been dealt with in accordance with the Act, and, after determination of their requirements under the Principal Act, Licences have been issued in respect of 6 sites.

Enquiries as to the provisions of the Act continue to be received and action and vigilance is required to control the unlawful siting of caravans.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

This Act came into force on the 1st January, 1964. Two licences to keep a Boarding Establishment were issued, the extent of the boarding in each case being on a very small scale.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Certain sections of the Act, including the requirement to register premises, came into force on the 1st May, 1964.

Most of the main provisions, however, came into force on the 1st August, 1964.

Details or registrations and inspections, as sent to the Ministry of Labour, are as follows: —

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during year	Total No. of premises registered at end of year	Number of premises inspected during year
Offices	30	30	30
Retail Shops	73	73	73
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	4	4	4
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	16	16	16
Fuel storage depots.	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	123	123	123

RODENT CONTROL

In connection with the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, no charge was made for work carried out at private dwellings but the full cost of work at business premises was recovered.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1964

			TYPE OF PROPERTY				
			Non-Agricultural				
			(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	(3) All other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Columns (1), (2) and (3)	(5) Agri-cultural
1	No. of properties in Local Authority's District		35 (approx.)	14,500 (approx.)	620 (approx.)	15,155	500 (approx.)
2	Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification		4	343	30	377	7
	Number of such properties found to be infested by:—						
	Common rat	Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
		Minor ...	4	230	17	251	5
	Ship rat	Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
		Minor ...	-	—	—	—	—
	House mouse	Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
		Minor ...	—	14	1	15	—
3	Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act		18	413	3	434	1
	Number of such properties found to be infested by:—						
	Common rat	Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
		Minor ...	5	30	—	35	—
	Ship rat	Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
		Minor ...	—	—	—	—	—
	House mouse	Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
		Minor ...	—	—	—	—	—

		TYPE OF PROPERTY				
		Non-Agricultural				
		(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	(3) All other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Columns (1), (2) and (3)	(5) Agri-cultural
4	Total number of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	—	3	—	3	—
	Number of such properties found to be infested by:—					
	Common rat ... ... Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	Common rat ... ... Minor ...	—	3	—	3	—
	Ship rat ... ... Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	Ship rat ... ... Minor ...	—	—	—	—	—
	House mouse ... ... Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	House mouse ... ... Minor ...	—	—	—	—	—
5	Total inspections carried out—including re-inspections. (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	175	4391	71	4637	10
6	Number of infested properties (in Sections 2, 3 and 4) treated by the L.A.	9	277	18	304	5
7	Total treatments carried out — including re-treatments. (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	47	430	18	495	6
8	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act:— (a) Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) Structural Work (i.e., Proofing) ...	—	—	—	—	—
9	No. of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act	—	—	—	—	—
10	Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
11	Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	—	—	—	—	—

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number inspected	485	2447	56	19218	24069
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci— Whole carcases condemned	3	—	2	86	29
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	16	807	4	4385	1284
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	3·9	32·9	10·7	23·2	5·4
Tuberculosis only— Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	267
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	1·1
Cysticercosis— Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	1	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	1	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

The total weight of carcases and organs found to be diseased and voluntarily surrendered was 19 tons 9 cwts. 0 qrs. 1 lb.

Diseased meat, etc., is collected by arrangement and converted into glues and fertilisers.

Co-operation has been maintained with the Officials of the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and their advice is always appreciated.

Annual Test Baiting was carried out in April in 440 manholes in 31 sewerage systems. As a result it was necessary to carry out maintenance treatment in May in 7 systems. The second maintenance treatment was carried out in November in 7 systems. The Council's Sewage Disposal Works were treated on 43 occasions, the Refuse Tips on 6 occasions, and the Playing Fields on 2 occasions.

Details of the work carried out during the year can be seen from the table.

The work was carried out by the Council's Rodent operator, assisted part-time by another workman in the Department.

The methods advocated by the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for the extermination of rats and mice were used, the bait bases being damp sausage rusk, bread mash, oatmeal and sugar meal, and the poisons Zinc, Phosphide, Arsenious Oxide, Antu (Alpha-naphthyl-thiourea), and Warfarin.

FOOD

Slaughterhouses

5 Applications for the renewal of licences were received, all of which were granted.

During the year visits were made as follows:

Slaughterhouses ... 1343

Milk

The number of dairies and distributors registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, are as follows:

Dairies	24
Distributors	39
	63

Twenty visits of inspection were made during the year.

Food Premises

Inspections of Food Premises were carried out under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, and notices served where necessary.

The number of food premises registered under Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are as follows:

The manufacture of Ice Cream for sale	2
The sale of Ice Cream	175
The manufacture of Preserved Food ...	48
	225

During the year, 4 premises were registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of Ice Cream and for the manufacture of Preserved Food.

Fifty-eight visits were made to food premises during the year, and a total weight of 14 cwts. 1 qr. 20 lbs. of food condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Byelaws as to the handling and sale of food are in force in the Rural District. Minor contraventions were detected. but these were quickly rectified when the shopkeepers were notified.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCES

The undermentioned figures apply to the period from the 1st April, 1964, to the 31st March, 1965.

Petroleum Spirit

Number of licences renewed during the above period	76
Number of new licences issued during the above period	1
Number of licences transferred	3

During recent years the work in connection with Petroleum Spirit storage has increased considerably .Much time has been spent in supervising the installation of tanks and pumps and testing same.

I remain,

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